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This man survived both the Nepal quake and the Boston Marathon bombing. **Canadianews**



IN BRIEF

Still no opening date for Metro Line

The opening day of the long-delayed Metro LRT line is not much clearer after an update on the project from the city on Monday, though operators will soon be trained to run the line.

City representatives said Monday they're still aiming for an end of May opening date but added that they can't make promises, after several delays and missed due dates from the project signalling contractor, France-based Thales Group.

Still, despite the ongoing delays on the \$665-million line, there were signs of progress. "We finally have a milestone that we've installed the control system ... it's a good step and it helps us to narrow down the date," said Wayne Mandryk, head of LRT design and construction.

Mandryk said there's "still work to do," on the Metro Line, including training operators on the track, which will add three new stops to the city's LRT network and terminate at NAIT.

Mandryk said inspectors within transit's control centre will receive training first, with operators to be trained next. Training could take as long as six weeks.

As this training starts, within the next two weeks, city hall will further review safety documents Thales provided.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



Edmonton's Kelly Ferguson is searching for his pooch Duke after the animal was surrendered to the Edmonton Humane Society without his knowledge. SUPPLIED

WASHROOMS

Gender-neutral signs win approval

City facilities currently feature male and female washrooms, along with either a family or inclusive freestanding washroom.

But now, those separate washrooms will be labelled as "gender-inclusive."

The decision came from city council Monday.

Coun. Andrew Knack, who brought the idea to council back in February, said the city would now consult with stakeholders to make sure the signage is appropriate and incorporate the option in all new city buildings. "The good news is, the way our policy is written, there was no need to change it," he said.

"It's just about making sure new facilities are signed appropriately. All of our new buildings are being made with this design in mind."

LEAH HOLODAY/METRO



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Coun. Andrew Knack

Where's Duke the dog?

RELATIONSHIPS

Man searches for surrendered canine after marriage fails



Leah Holoiday
Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton father of three is desperately trying to track down his beloved pooch. But it's complicated.

Duke, a seven-year-old Shepherd mix, has been a part of Kelly Ferguson's family for the last seven years.

Ferguson adopted Duke at just five months old from the Edmonton Humane Society, and said he bonded with Duke the moment he first came into his home, slid across the living room floor and ended up in his lap.

"I don't know if you call that imprinting or what, but he was just a great dog that way," Ferguson said, remembering the day the family adopted Duke.

Ferguson, who separated from his wife last year, said he was forced to leave Duke behind when he moved into an apartment that didn't accept pets.

While making arrangements to eventually have Duke move into his new apartment, Fer-

guson learned his ex-wife had taken the dog to the Edmonton Humane Society.

Despite his efforts to demonstrate his ownership to the humane society, Ferguson has been unable to locate the dog.

Ferguson has now started an online campaign, including a Facebook page and GoFundMe account, to find out what happened to Duke. The efforts include raising money for a court order for humane society documents detailing Duke's whereabouts.

Edmonton Humane Society spokeswoman Sue O'Connor said when animals are surrendered to the shelter staff must establish ownership before they accept the dog.

"In (this) case, the owners for the animal was established through the name listed on the microchip, who was the person who surrendered the animal," she explained.

Every year, EHS takes in more than 11,000 animals in the city.

O'Connor said circumstances for surrendering a pet can vary, but the shelter is committed to providing a safe place for owners who can no longer care for an animal.

"This is a place where they can safely surrender their animal without judgment," she said. "We treat everyone with respect and we're here to work with those animals and do what's best for them."

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Judge tosses protection order against Denis

COURT

Justice Jones felt Palmer's recollection was inaccurate

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

An emergency protection order, filed against former Justice Minister Jonathan Denis by his estranged wife, has been revoked.

Filed by his now estranged wife Breanna Palmer against Denis and his mother Marguerite in late April, the initial application — which resulted in Denis' resignation from his cabinet post — alleged Denis subjected her to verbal, emotional and family violence over the course of their relationship.

Over four days, a Court of Queen's Bench gallery heard how the couple's relationship eroded over the course of the last year. On Monday, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Craig Jones said he wasn't convinced there was enough evidence to find that Palmer was in danger of family violence and is not in need of protection. Additionally, the publication ban on the proceedings was lifted. Palmer painted a picture of Denis as an aggressive, controlling and troubled man, and it's a portrait Denis said was completely untrue, telling Justice Jones the claims were carefully timed in an attempt smear his good name and reputation.

In court, the gallery heard numerous allegations put forward by Palmer, including that Denis had ripped a TV cord out of the wall, had bursts of rage and even went as far as claiming that he owned the judges and the police. There was also a point in the relationship when Palmer alleged Denis put her in a headlock and kneed her in the



Former Justice Minister Jonathan Denis, left, can be seen outside of the Calgary Courts Centre with his mother, Marguerite Denis, following court on May 3. His estranged wife Breanna Palmer is pictured on right. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

face while she was trying to perform an "intimate act" on him.

However, Denis denies everything. He said it was an accident, as he was woken up and startled, apologizing numerous times but Palmer said she was confused, as she didn't know if she was going to get "hugged or kissed or punched."

The application by Palmer comes following a series of events between she and Denis at their Calgary home in mid-April.

Justice Jones told the court he felt Palmer's recollection of the events was inaccurate.

The court heard that on April 12 of this year, Palmer was moving out of the couple's home with help from friends Margot Anderson and David Goerzen, with Palmer having stated Denis arrived home and started "freaking out" on them.

The court heard claims from Palmer, Anderson and Goerzen that Goerzen was attempting to fix or work on a garage door during the move when Denis came home and started yelling at him to get off his property, threatening to have him arrested for property damage.

Denis, however, said the conversation was a calm one.

Following the move to her new apartment later in the month, Palmer said she was victim to two instances where her car

was broken into and damaged. As a result, Palmer said she was concerned for her safety as she thought the break-ins may be connected to recent marital problems between the couple, and as a result, on April 24, she requested the EPO, which was initially granted in provincial court, but was revoked in Mon-

day's Queen's Bench court proceedings. Denis denied all of the claims outright, having said he never intentionally threatened or caused harm to Palmer and denied several other allegations.

Denis addressed media in the lobby of the Calgary Courts Centre Monday.

"Today the court has totally thrown out the action against my mother, Marguerite, and I. It's been a very difficult week for me, my family and friends, but I'm so thankful for all of the people across the province who contacted me. My priority over the next 24 hours is taking this suit off and getting back to the doors and winning Calgary-Acadia," said Denis. In court, Denis made it clear the relationship between he and Palmer was over.

"I don't want to see her again, I don't want to be married to her, but I wish her all the best in whatever she wants to do," Denis.

After the proceedings, Breanna Palmer told reporters outside court that she was "disappointed" and declined further comment.

ACCIDENT

Grade 1 student hit while crossing street

Leah Holoiday
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton Catholic Schools officials credit new school zone speed limits for saving a young boy's life after a driver struck a Grade 1 student Monday morning while the boy crossed the street. The accident occurred at 117 Street and 143

Avenue just before 8:30 a.m., when the six-year-old St. Timothy student crossed the street and was struck by the driver of a pick-up truck.

The young boy was treated on scene by paramedics and taken to the Stollery Hospital.

He was held over night for observation, but suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Catholic schools spokesperson Lori Nagy said the district believes

the 30 kilometre per hour speed limit enforced in school zones meant the young boy didn't suffer a more serious injury.

"It could have been a very different outcome," she said. "We really feel we've seen the wonderful result from the new school zone speed."

The accident comes on the heels of a rally by students asking motorists to slow down. Last month, more than 250 stu-

dents gathered in front of St. Timothy to remind drivers to hit the brakes in school zones.

"This is one of those things we feel could not have been helped," Nagy added. "At this point, everything looks like it wasn't the driver's fault, so St. Timothy will keep enforcing the safety messages to students."

Police say alcohol and speed do not appear to be factors in the collision.



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ELECTION 2015 BATTLEGROUND RIDINGS TO WATCH, ADVANCE POLLS, LOOKING TO OCTOBER

Ridings to watch

POLITICS

Dominoes ready to fall in election battlegrounds

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Polls close at 8 p.m. Tuesday night, and the results will start to flow in soon after. Here are six ridings Metro will be watching that are effectively dominoes.

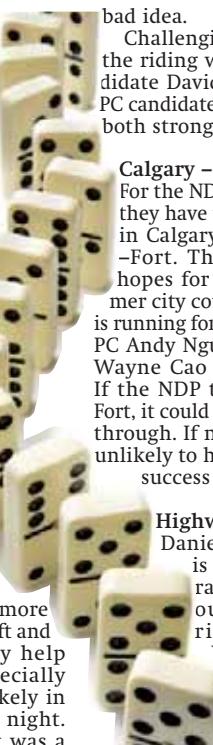
As they fall, the broader campaign story will become clear.

Edmonton – Whitemud
One of the city's most popular mayors, Stephen Mandel won Whitemud just six months ago, nearly doubling the votes of his NDP opponent, Bob Turner. When former premier Dave Hancock held the seat, it was among the safest in the province for the PCs.

This election is a rematch. But some public polling suggests Turner is out in front. If Mandel can lose a seat he won easily just a few short months ago, it's a signal a bigger shift is afoot.

Edmonton Centre
Laurie Blakeman has represented the downtown Edmonton riding since 1997, but this time she's trying something new — by running as a Liberal with the endorsement of the Alberta Party and the Greens.

Blakeman has long been an advocate for more co-operation on the left and her experiment may help make that case, especially as the Liberals are likely in for a tough election night. Or, it could signal it was a



bad idea.

Challenging her hold on the riding will be NDP candidate David Shepherd and PC candidate Catherine Keill, both strong candidates.

Calgary – Fort

For the NDP to win Alberta they have to breakthrough in Calgary. Enter Calgary – Fort. The NDP has big hopes for the riding: former city councillor Joe Ceci is running for the NDP against PC Andy Nguyen, after MLA Wayne Cao stepped down. If the NDP takes Calgary – Fort, it could signal the breakthrough. If not, the NDP are unlikely to have much other success in the city.

Highwood

Danielle Smith, who is leaving politics rather ignominiously, held this riding for the Wildrose, and that makes it a bellwether for the party's support in

southern Alberta. If Wildrose candidate Wayne Anderson wins, that support could remain. If not, the party could be in trouble.

Fort McMurray – Conklin
Brian Jean has only led the Wildrose for a little more than a month, but he's well known to people in Fort McMurray — he was the federal MP there for more than a decade.

Even with that name recognition, it will be difficult for Jean to knock off PC incumbent Donald Scott.

To be relevant, the Wildrose leader will need a seat in the legislature.

Calgary – Elbow

In another rematch of last fall's byelections, Alberta Party leader Greg Clark and Progressive Conservative Gordon Dirks are in a neck and neck fight.

Elbow is likely the Alberta Party's best chance at actually winning a seat and giving the new party a foothold. Polling in the riding has showed the two in a virtual tie.



Voters line up at a polling station in High River to cast their ballot during the last Alberta election in 2012.

THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

POLLING

Advance polls show healthy turnout

Voters got out in big numbers during advance polls last week, according to Elections Alberta.

The agency reported 235,000 people cast ballots between Wednesday and Saturday last week, up from the 179,800 people who cast their ballots during advance polls in 2012.

Drew Westwater, a spokesperson for the agency, said the 30 per cent increase is great, but he also pointed out there was an extra day of voting this year.

"It was four days of advance poll voting," he said. "We only had three last time and we had record turnout then."

Westwater said the increase doesn't necessarily mean there will be a big push at the polls Tuesday.

"Advance poll turnout does not indicate what voting day turnout is going to be like. We're certainly not expecting an increase of 30 per cent tomorrow," he said.

Westwater said they're ready regardless of how many people show up at the polls.

"We prepare for 100 per cent whether they show up or not, so that's what we are prepared for."

He said the supper hour tomorrow will be the busiest and he encouraged people to consider voting at a different time of day.

"We can process you a lot quicker if you go throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Polls close at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Westwater said results should start to come available by 8:30 p.m. with all of the results available by 10:30 p.m.

Westwater said while they're encouraged to see so many people talking about voting on social media, but he reminded people not to take photos inside the polling station.

"Some people have taken pictures of their ballots, which is also not allowed," he said.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

FEDERAL ELECTION

Looking to Alberta with an eye on Ottawa

Linda Duncan's phone is ringing off the hook.

For just over six years, she's been the lone Alberta New Democrat in the House of Commons, having taken the riding of Edmonton-Strathcona away from the Conservatives in the 2008 federal election.

But the province is such a bastion of conservatism — home to the prime minister and several key cabinet ministers as well as

four decades of provincial Conservative rule — that Duncan's views on the province's political landscape haven't gotten much air time. Until now.

Polls suggest that the provincial New Democrats are poised to dramatically increase their seat count in Tuesday's elections, if not take over the legislature altogether. People are already calling Duncan to get a start on transferring that support to this

fall's federal campaign.

"Alberta won't go all orange; it will take time federally," she said in an interview from Edmonton on Monday. "But if this is the change in mindset, I think the important thing is people are saying I don't have to be cynical anymore, I don't have to listen to the fearmongering. I can actually make a choice and make a difference."

Most Tories in Ottawa on Monday shrugged off the idea that an NDP provincial victory in Alberta would spur radical change federally in October.

"Forty-four years is a long tenure. Time will tell," said Kevin Sorenson, Conservative MP for Crowfoot, alluding to the Tory tenure in Alberta.

Conservative MP James Rajotte of Edmonton, said his sense is that the Liberals, not the NDP, are the biggest challenge in the federal election. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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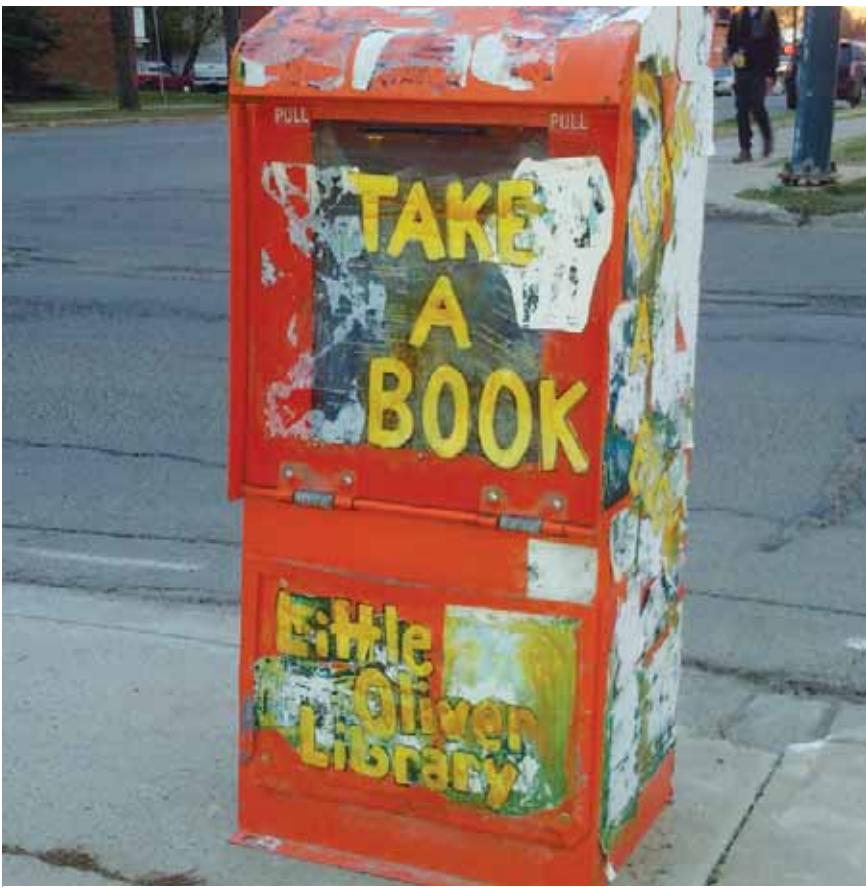
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IN BRIEF

Bail for Khadr a threat to transfers, feds say

Granting bail to former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr while he appeals his war crimes conviction in the United States threatens the entire system of international prisoner transfers, the federal government argues in new court filings.

The claim comes in a motion filed late Monday as part of Ottawa's 11th-hour attempt to block Khadr's release from prison — which could come as early as Tuesday evening. "A lack of clarity in the international transfer process may jeopardize the system as a whole," the government states in documents obtained by The Canadian Press. "(Khadr's) release unsettles the foundation of this system by introducing uncertainty and a lack of control over the manner in which Canadian offenders' sentences are enforced."

Despite having presented no such evidence at his bail hearing, the government also now argues that allowing Khadr out — given his long incarceration — presents a risk that is contrary to the public interest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

LURANA SHELTER

Women fleeing abuse benefit from growing a garden



Leah Holoiday
Metro | Edmonton

The feeling of sinking your hands into cold, moist dirt can be calming for any gardener, but for the residents at an Edmonton women's shelter, nurturing and watching their garden grow is properly therapeutic.

For the second year in a row, women at Lurana Shelter will be creating a garden stocked with fruits, vegetables and more as a way to cope with trauma from their past, while learning a new life skill.

Lurana executive director Liza Sunley said after last year's success — the first time the shelter used gardening as therapy — it was a simple decision to give the program another shot.

"We think there are a lot of therapeutic activities people can do to begin healing from the trauma of things like abuse," Sunley said. "I think people who have experienced abuse and have been really devalued in their relationships appreciate the opportunity to share."

The combination of being out-

doors, caring for a growing thing and seeing something turn from simple soil to producing plants are just some of the reasons Sunley said gardening helped the women heal.

Not only do the shelter's women benefit from the program, but children staying with their mothers at the shelter get a chance to see where their food comes from. "We can do things in a therapeutic way that also (teaches) some life skills that people can develop and maybe people haven't had the opportunity to grow things," Sunley said.

Lurana is currently accepting donations of seedlings or gardening centre gift cards to kick start their garden.

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Liza Sunley

A meme to help make Oliver

PROJECT

Community encouraged to present ideas that money can make happen



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

The Oliver Community League is following in the footsteps of Make Something Edmonton by adopting the maker meme and starting something called Make Something Oliver.

"It's a way to engage the community, to take ownership and be proud of it," said Luwam Kiflemariam, chair of the Make Something Oliver committee.

The project is encouraging community members to present ideas that money can help make happen. Make

Something Oliver has about \$5,000 in the bank.

But others say the project is bigger than just Oliver, as it could be the start something much larger if all goes well in the neighbourhood, which borders downtown to the west.

"Even though the origin of Make Something Edmonton is to tell the Edmonton story and to build the Edmonton brand, that's not done through slogans or logos. It's done by celebrating the projects Edmontonians are making and by supporting them," said Chris Gusey, marketing specialist with Make Something Edmonton.

Kiflemariam has already had preliminary chats with members from other community leagues, who have shown interest in starting something similar in their own neighbourhood.

"Right now, we're just concentrating on what the Oliver Community League (is doing) and we're just wanting the

residents to do something for themselves," she said.

Make Something Edmonton started in 2012 and since then, 600 projects have kicked off via their website, ranging from Night Market to YEGNowFight.

The Oliver project is expected to start accepting submissions from residents before May 8 via the Make Something Edmonton website.

"Anybody who has an idea on how to make the Oliver community more walkable, more neighbourly, a great place to live, we'd love to have them try it out ... and take it where they want to take it," said the Make Something Oliver board chair.



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This screenshot from the YEGMakers trailer shows the ins and outs of different businesses in and around Edmonton. CONTRIBUTED

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**Stephanie
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Daelan Wood relishes learning the ins and outs of filmmaking.

How a movie was made, special effects and behind-the-scenes footage all call to Wood, who's now turning his hobby into a local project.

Wood is filming movers and shakers in the city as part of a web series called YEGMakers.

It's something the web developer by trade is doing just

for fun and not for profit.

"It gives me an excuse to meet different, new people and keep getting better at making films," Wood said.

Wood fell into the project accidentally, based on some contacts he had in the city who he thought would make for a great feature.

After filming the first scene with Olive Skateboards near Spruce Grove, he decided his film clips were something he should share with all of Edmonton.

"Showing it to people and seeing how they react is a lot of fun," he said.

Oliver Apt., an urban woodworking company in the city, is the first clip to pop up in the series' trailer, which is already online.

"After feeling that reward of working with my hands,

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The idea of getting a behind-the-scenes look is just great.

Daelan Wood

taking a pile of material and building something different out of it, I just realized I had a knack for it or a real appreciation for that type of work," said Landon Shedler with Oliver Apt. in the series' trailer.

Three company profiles are already filmed and edited, with two more in progress.

Wood wants to do seven or eight features on local businesses or until his passion for filmmaking runs out — something he isn't banking on.

ELECTION

Chairman's support for PCs 'disappointing': U of A staff

Academic staff at the University of Alberta find the chairman of the institution's board of governors "profoundly disappointing" because he publicly backed the PC government Friday.

Chairman Doug Goss, who also works as a lawyer in Edmonton, was one of five local businessmen who held a news conference Friday to air con-

On Monday, Heather Bruce, acting president for the Association of Academic Staff, University of Alberta, condemned Goss' actions, calling them a direct conflict with his role as chairman for the university's board of governors, which needs to be non-partisan.

"That Mr. Goss was unable to maintain a non-partisan leadership stance on behalf of the University of Alberta is profoundly disappointing, because his public stance may jeopardize the relationship of the University of Alberta with whatever party forms the next government," Bruce wrote in a statement.

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TORTURE

Defence's info-sharing documents kept secret

The Defence Department is refusing to release the text of a ministerial directive that sets out how the Canadian Forces can seek and share information from foreign partners even when it may put someone at risk of torture.

The Canadian Press requested the 2013 directive one year ago under the Access to Information Act and just this month received a draft copy of the document — marked unclassified — with key elements censored.

However, a classified April 2013 covering letter says the planned directive was based on a government-wide framework that guides Canadian security agencies when seeking or sharing information puts someone in foreign custody at serious risk of being abused.

The framework for addressing risks in foreign information-sharing applies to Defence, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the RCMP, the Canada Border Services Agency and the Communications Security Establishment, the electronic spy service.

The federal policy has

REPORTS

The refusal coincides with fresh allegations published by Montreal newspaper La Presse that Canadian military police mistreated Afghan detainees being held in Kandahar in late 2010 and early 2011.

The newspaper, quoting unidentified sources, said the military police carried out repeated raids on the prison to intimidate inmates into giving up information that might help Canadian troops and their Western allies counter threats from Taliban insurgents.

drawn sharp criticism from human rights advocates and opposition MPs, who say it effectively condones torture, contrary to international law and Canada's United Nations commitments.

Defence is the only one of the five that has not disclosed most or all of the respective ministerial directive tailored for its use. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NETHERLANDS

PM pays tribute to fallen soldiers

Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke Monday about the great sacrifices demanded in war and how some things are worth dying for.

These notions were deeply personal to the Second World War veterans who listened on the neatly mowed grounds of one of Canada's more heart-breaking military cemeteries.

The graveyard holds the remains of 1,350 Canadian soldiers, killed in the waning days and weeks of the war as the Nazi Germany went through its final, convulsive death throes. They are among the more than 7,600 Canadians who died to free Holland.

Harper remembered them as heroes.

"The heroes who liberated the Netherlands, like the men and women who serve our country today, understood that when there arises a great evil, a threat to all the things that define our existence as a free



PM Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen lay a wreath on Monday at the Canadian War Cemetery in Holten, east Netherlands. VINCENT JANNINK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and just people, such enemies must be confronted," he said, at the first of two commemoration he'll attend while in the Netherlands.

"But only the veterans with us today can really know the fear and desperation they must have sometimes felt or the courage and resolve it took to press forward ... And why? Because they knew, they understood deeply, that there are some things on earth worth fighting for, worth dying for. It was true then; it remains true today."

Linking the horrors of the past with brutal reality of today

Trudeau announces economic platform



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau makes a policy announcement Monday during an event at a restaurant in Aylmer, Que. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLITICS

Liberal leader plans tax hikes for wealthy, cuts for middle class

Justin Trudeau has unveiled the Liberal alternative to the Harper government's economic plan: hike taxes for the wealthiest one per cent to pay for more generous child benefits and an across-the-board income-tax cut for the middle class.

Under the Liberal proposal announced Monday:

- The 22-per-cent tax rate for anyone with a taxable annual income between \$44,701 and \$89,401 would be cut to 20.5 per cent.
- A new tax bracket of 33 per cent would be imposed on those with taxable incomes over \$200,000 a year. The current top bracket of 29 per cent would continue to apply to those

earning between \$138,586 and \$200,000.

A Trudeau government would also scrap Prime Minister Stephen Harper's universal child-care benefit and roll together two other existing child benefits into a single, more generous, monthly, tax-free "Canada child benefit." According to the Liberals, all families with kids under 18 and an annual income below \$150,000, or 90 per cent of families, would receive more under Trudeau's plan.

Monday's announcement is a reply to last month's Conservative pre-election budget, which pivots around twin measures to allow parents with children under 18 to split their income for tax purposes and to expand and enrich the universal child care benefit.

Trudeau has promised to scrap the \$2-billion parental income-splitting scheme, which critics have said will benefit less than 15 per cent of families, primarily the wealthiest. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Everest climber escapes death

EARTHQUAKE

Base camp avalanche was adventurer's third close call

It was lunchtime on Everest when Joe Raftis felt the dining tent shake.

The Toronto businessman knew the feeling. He had narrowly cheated death twice in the past two years — first at the 2013 Boston Marathon, which he completed just an hour before terrorists set off pressure-cooker bombs at the finish line; then again in 2014, when his first attempt to scale the world's tallest peak was interrupted by a devastating avalanche that killed 16 Sherpa guides.

“Just 15 metres away, there were deaths and injuries.”

Joe Raftis

This time, hunkered down at the mountain's historically safe base camp just before noon, the possibility of a third close call seemed remote.

“At first, it doesn't register as an earthquake,” Raftis, 54, said on Monday. “You just think, are there a bunch of guys outside shaking the tent?”

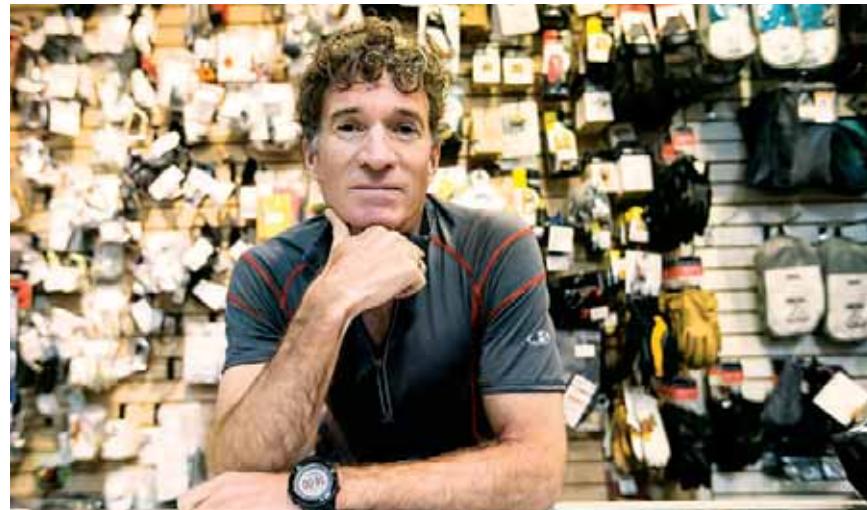
A sound outside — a “roar” — told him this was more serious.

“So I ran out of the tent, and I saw this wall of snow and ice — an avalanche, coming at me.”

Last month's earthquake in Nepal and its aftermath have claimed more than 7,000 lives, including those of 19 climbers on Everest. Raftis was almost part of the grim tally. A day after landing in Toronto, speaking from Europe Bound, the travel gear store he owns on King St., he called himself “lucky.”

“I can't believe my luck, three years in a row,” he said.

Raftis also had to think fast. He said he had 10 seconds after seeing the avalanche approaching to choose between running and seeking shelter in the tent. He decided to run, and made



Joe Raftis, owner of Europe Bound, in Toronto, escaped an Everest earthquake for the second straight year and also ran the Boston Marathon in 2013. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

it about 15 metres before stopping and covering his head with his arms. Though he was buried up to his calves, the worst of the pummeling snow hit some 40 metres away.

He and his climbing group were “pretty unscathed.”

“It was kind of a narrow miss. Just 15 metres away, there were deaths and injuries,” Raftis said.

Within 20 minutes, he was able to call his wife, Shelly, at their north Toronto home using a satellite phone. But the signal

cut out before long. That night, he slept fitfully in the dining tent at base camp, the sound of avalanches continuing to echo down the mountain.

Aftershocks and rockslides continued the next day. As Raftis hiked towards a nearby

village, he saw the extent of the earthquake's devastation.

“Camps completely wiped out, camps completely crushed,” he said. “You see a single mitten there, a single jacket there... everything just dispersed everywhere. It was like a junkyard.”

He also saw three dead bodies, wrapped in tarps, “just waiting to be airlifted out.”

For the next few days, he and his party hiked towards the small Nepalese town of Lukla, hoping to catch a flight bound for Kathmandu. After nearly three days of waiting, Raftis says he bribed an official to get a boarding pass at the tiny, crowded airport.

From Kathmandu he flew to Bangkok, on to London, and then home to Toronto. At 11 a.m. Sunday, he was reunited with his wife and three kids.

An avid climber, Raftis has previously scaled the highest mountain in every continent but South America and Asia. He now says this was his last shot at Everest.

“I'm not going back a third time,” he said. “I'm too old for this.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Labour gets Brand endorsement



Comedian turned political activist Russell Brand has changed his mind and is no longer urging people not to vote in Thursday's general election. Instead, Brand on Monday used his YouTube channel to urge his more than 1 million subscribers to back the Labour Party's Ed Miliband.

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POLITICS

Prospects dark for Lib Dems

At Britain's last election campaign, he was hailed as the most popular party leader since Winston Churchill, an unexpected star who upstaged the two dominant parties. Some even wondered whether he was the British Obama.

Nick Clegg's meteoric rise transformed him from a relatively obscure leader of the left-of-centre Liberal Democrats — Britain's third party and perennial "also-rans" — into deputy prime minister.

Five years on, he may be headed for the political graveyard — paying for his decision to enter a marriage of convenience with the ruling Conservative Party.

The Lib Dems are bracing themselves for a disastrous election, and Clegg, 48, faces the humiliating prospect of losing his own seat in Parliament. Many have not forgiven Clegg



Deputy Prime Minister and Liberal Democrat Party Leader Nick Clegg speaks in London on Monday.

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for breaking his pre-election pledge to oppose any increase in university tuition fees. Just months after the 2010 election, the Conservative-led government that he joined announced those fees would triple to 9,000 pounds (\$13,600) per year.

"He didn't stand by his guns. Now he's gone to government, people have seen the other side of him," said Tony Lamb, a 57-year-old butcher in the constituency of Sheffield Hallam, where Clegg is fighting to keep a seat he's safely held for two terms. "People think he's just somebody's puppet, making up the numbers. That's all he's done."

That harsh judgment sums

up the views of many voters who have turned their backs on Clegg, whose fall from grace has been as spectacular as his rise was sudden.

Clegg readily concedes that his compromises in government have come at a cost. He even issued a video saying "sorry" for his tuition fee debacle, which went viral as a musical parody. But he insists that his party is still best placed to hold the balance of power for a second time. That is less likely than in 2010, but still possible — another five years of a Conservative-Lib Dem coalition is considered one of the potential outcomes.

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U.K. ELECTION

Comedian reverses stance on non-voting, backs Miliband

British comedian-turned-political activist Russell Brand has changed his mind and is no longer urging people not to vote in Thursday's general election — now he wants them to vote for Labour.

Brand used his YouTube channel Monday to urge his more than 1 million subscribers to back Labour Party Leader Ed Miliband, saying the Conservative Party led by Prime Minister David Cameron must be stopped.

The last-minute conversion may influence young voters who have read Brand's best-selling book Revolution and embraced his YouTube complaints about big business and banks having too much power.

The long-haired comedian, who has starred in several films, has campaigned for the rights of London tenants and com-

plained about heartless capitalism. He interviewed Miliband last week for his YouTube channel — prompting Cameron to label Brand "a joke" and to condemn Miliband for appearing with the bawdy comedian.

Brand struck back on YouTube.

"David Cameron might think I'm a joke. But I don't think there's anything funny about what the Conservative Party has been doing to this country, and we have to stop them," he said.

Brand said in his YouTube endorsement that Miliband wouldn't change things overnight but would listen to peoples' complaints. He also tweeted the video to his more than 9 million Twitter followers.

Far-right UK Independence Party Leader Nigel Farage, fighting for a place in Parliament, seemed unimpressed by Brand's

backing of Labour.

"I'm very pleased Russell Brand hasn't endorsed me," he told BBC Radio.

Miliband's Labour Party also received the endorsement of bestselling celebrity TV cook Delia Smith, who enjoys a national following. Campaigning with Miliband in the seaside city of Brighton, she said she feels the Labour party will protect Britain's National Health Service.

The vote Thursday is expected to be close. Neither of the two main parties — Conservatives and Labour — is expected to win an absolute majority in Parliament because of the growth of smaller parties like the Scottish National Party and UKIP. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Russell Brand

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Now (Clegg has) gone to government, people have seen the other side of him.

Tony Lamb



ITALY SHIPS RESCUE THOUSANDS OF MIGRANTS AT SEA NEAR LIBYA A child blows a kiss as migrants disembark from the Italian Navy frigate Bersagliere at the Reggio Calabria harbour, Monday. Italian rescue ships brought migrants by the thousands to Italy's southern ports, including a baby born aboard a navy vessel, as crowded shelters in Sicily and on the mainland struggled Monday to find room for them. In a three-day period ending Sunday, 6,771 survivors were rescued in the seas north of Libya from overcrowded rubber dinghies and unseaworthy fishing boats sent out by smuggling rings, the coast guard reported Monday. Ten bodies were found Sunday on boats or in the sea. ADRIANA SAPONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EARTHQUAKE

Nepal calls for international help as reconstruction begins

Nepal's government will need immense international support as the Himalayan nation begins turning its attention toward reconstruction in the coming weeks, in the wake of the devastating April earthquake, a top official said Monday.

Nepal is one of the world's poorest nations, and its economy, largely based on tourism, has been crippled by the earthquake, which left more than 7,300 people dead. While there are no clear estimates yet of how much it will cost to rebuild,

it will certainly be enormously expensive.

"In two to three weeks a serious reconstruction package needs to be developed, where we'll need enormous help from the international community," said Information Minister Minendra Rijal. "There's a huge, huge funding gap."

He also said foreign rescue workers were welcome in Nepal, saying they could remain as long as they are needed. He had earlier said that the need for their services was diminishing,

but later denied that he wanted them to leave the country.

Soon, he added, the nation will be shifting away from a rescue mode and "will be concentrating more on relief operations."

Since the April 25 earthquake, 4,050 rescue workers from 34 different nations have flown to Nepal to help in rescue operations, provide emergency medical care and distribute food and other necessities. The still-rising death toll from the quake, Nepal's worst in more than 80

years, has reached 7,365, police said.

The World Food Program so far has dispatched food for 250,000 people in some of the hardest-hit areas, the spokesman for the UN secretary-general, Stephane Dujarric, told reporters Monday. The agency warned that basic aid is still needed, especially for people living without shelter.

Meanwhile, Buddhists turned out to visit shrines and monasteries to mark the birthday of Gautama Buddha, the founder

of Buddhism.

At the base of the Swayambhunath shrine, located atop a hill overlooking Kathmandu, hundreds of people chanted prayers as they walked around the hill where the white iconic stupa with its gazing eyes is located.

Some of the structures around the stupa, built in the fifth century, were damaged in the quake. Police blocked off the steep steps to the top of the shrine, also called the "Monkey Temple" because of

the many monkeys who live on its slopes.

"I am praying for peace for the thousands of people who were killed," said Santa Lama, a 60-year-old woman. "I hope there will be peace and calm in the country once again and the worst is over."

Kathmandu's main airport remained closed since Sunday to large aircraft delivering aid due to runaway damage, but UN officials said the overall logistics situation was improving.

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Gunmen ID'd in contest attack

DALLAS

One man well-known to FBI

Since at least 2007, the FBI has been able to recognize the voice of Elton Simpson — one of the men suspected in the Texas shootings outside a contest featuring cartoons of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

Agents recorded the young man from Phoenix talking about fighting nonbelievers for Allah, about plans to travel to South Africa and link up with "brothers" in Somalia, and about using school as a cover story for traveling overseas.

Simpson was arrested in 2010, one day before authorities say he planned to leave for South Africa. But despite more than 1,500 hours of recorded conversations, the government prosecuted him on only one minor charge — lying to a federal agent. Years spent investigating Simpson for terrorism ties resulted in three years of probation and \$600 in fines and court fees.

Then, on Sunday, two men whom authorities identified as Simpson and Nadir Soofi opened fire in a Dallas suburb on a security officer outside the contest. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The deliberately provocative contest had been expected to draw outrage from the Muslim community. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad — even a respectful one — is considered blasphemous, and drawings similar to those featured at the Texas event have sparked violence around the world.

Simpson and Soofi were wearing body armour, and one shot the guard in the leg. A police officer returned fire and struck both men, killing them. The guard was treated and released.

Simpson, described as quiet and devout, had been on the radar of law enforcement because of his social media presence, but authorities did not have an indication that he was plotting an attack, said one fed-

eral official familiar with the investigation. Less was known about Soofi who appeared to have never been prosecuted in federal court, according to a search of court records.

Simpson had worshipped at the Islamic Community Center of Phoenix for about a decade, but he quit showing up over the past two or three months, the president of the mosque told The Associated Press. A convert to Islam, Simpson first attracted the FBI's attention in 2006 because of his ties to Hassan Abu Jihaad, a former U.S. Navy sailor who had been arrested in Phoenix and was ultimately convicted of terrorism-related charges, according to court records.

In the fall of that year, the FBI asked one of its informants, Dabla Deng, a Sudanese immigrant, to befriend Simpson and ask for advice about Islam. Over the next few years, Deng would record his conversations with Simpson with a hidden device, collecting more than 1,500 hours of conversations, according to court records. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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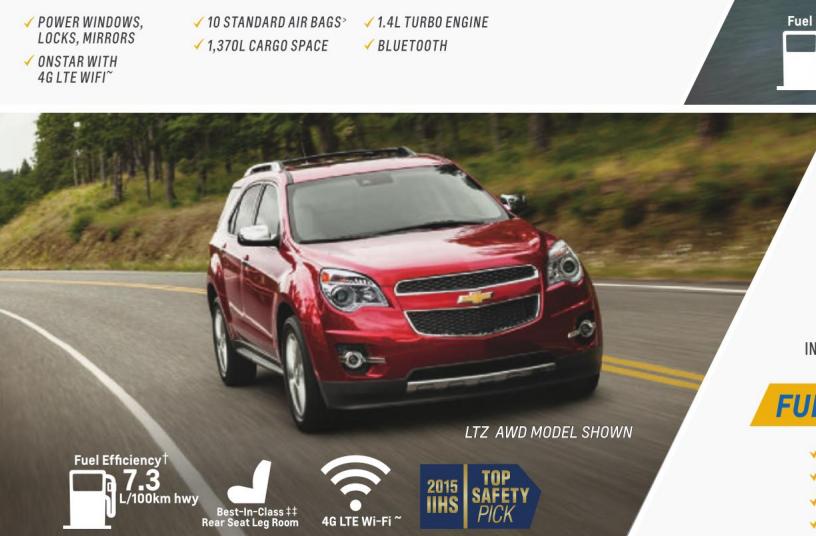


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Watchdogs keeping eye on Apple's Beats

STREAMING MUSIC

Regulators fear aggressive tactics against competition

Apple appears to have raised the ire of anti-trust authorities as it prepares for the launch of its Beats music streaming service, according to reports.

Both the European Union's Competition Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice are reportedly watching the Cupertino, Calif.-based company, as it may be using aggressive

tactics with record labels to hamper the competition as it prepares to enter the market.

With the launch of Beats Music expected this summer, Apple is apparently trying to pressure music labels to not renew Spotify's licence to stream music through its free tier.

While Spotify has 60 million users, only 15 million are paid users of its \$10 a month service.

The Verge website reported that according to multiple sources, the U.S. Department of Justice is tracking the company, which follows a New York Post report that European Union's Competition Commission has

launched a probe into the company's business practices. The New York Post says that Apple wanted to charge less than \$10 a month for its impending streaming service to undercut the competition, but couldn't make the pricing work.

The Verge also reported a source saying that Apple offered to pay Universal Music group the equivalent of what it gets from YouTube Licensing fee if it stopped putting its music up on the service.

YouTube is still where the majority of people go online to listen to music, and it has also launched a paid music tier service.

Ahead of Apple's Beats launch, Spotify is offering promotions in Canada in the hopes of growing its user base. The company is offering three months of its premium tier for 99 cents a month. Wireless company Fido is offering two years of Spotify premium for free as part of its Pulse plan promotions.

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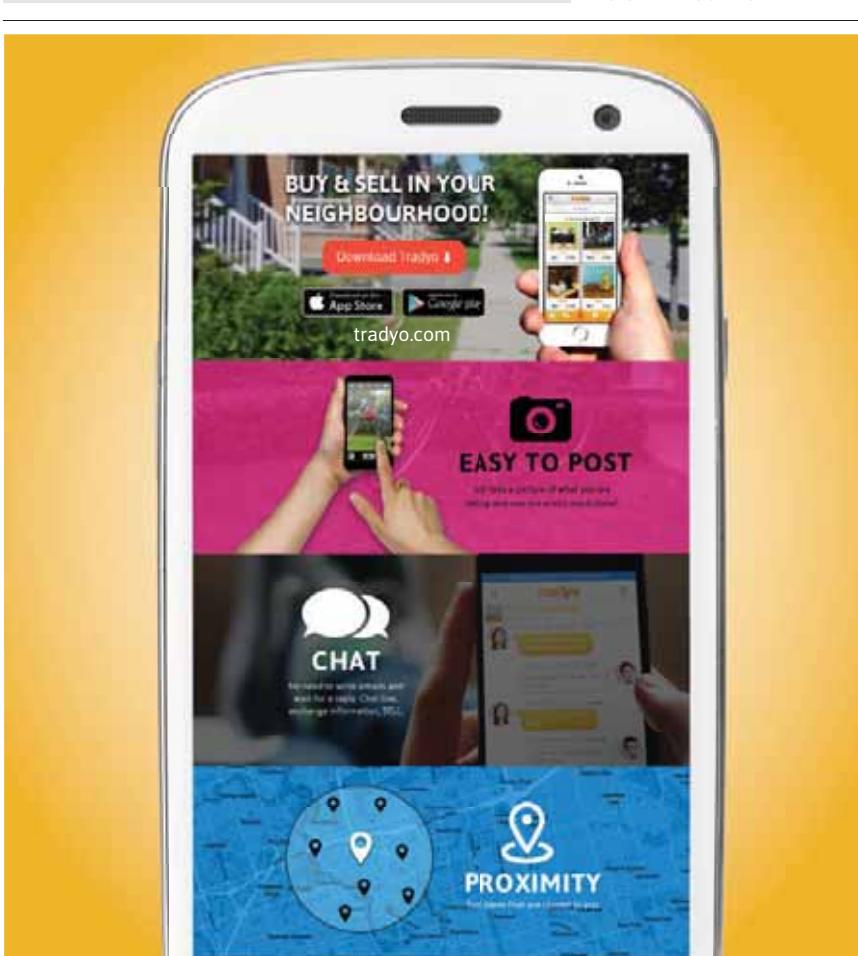
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City-themed playlists

Marketing Magazine reported that, in a bid to be seen as catering to local tastes, Spotify has unveiled a number of new Canadian city-themed playlists, in-

cluding Toronto.

Spotify created these playlists using the data it has showing what's popular in each of those cities, and added in tracks suggested by local influencers.



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LAS VEGAS AGING RIVIERA AGING NO MORE A sign thanks customers outside the Riviera Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip, which shut down at noon Monday as the last few gamblers tried their luck on slots. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, which bought the building where Liberace and Frank Sinatra once were headliners, plans to tear it down and expand the Las Vegas Convention Center to the Strip. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seniors filing for insolvency: Report

Seniors and those approaching retirement are making up a growing proportion of those filing for insolvency in Ontario and have bigger debts compared to younger people, a report said.

And while credit card debt makes up the largest portion for them, payday loans are a growing concern for seniors, said Doug Hoyes, co-founder of bankruptcy trustee firm Hoyes, Michalos & Associates Inc. which did the report.

Hoyes said the number of people filing for insolvency has been trending down in recent years, but use of payday and fast

cash style loans is on the rise.

Seniors were less likely to use payday loans at just nine per cent of those over 60 filing for insolvency with one, but those that did owed \$3,693 on average.

Hoyes said some of the growth in seniors filing for insolvency is due to more people reaching retirement as baby boomers get older. And while for some that has meant selling their home for a big profit and a comfortable retirement, for others, medical bills, job loss or divorce have crippled them financially, he said.

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IN BRIEF

Buffett bets on IBM

Investor Warren Buffett says he remains confident in IBM's future, and his Berkshire Hathaway added to its stake in the technology firm earlier this year.

Buffett says he believes IBM will be making more money 10 years from now than it does today. Berkshire owns about 9 per cent of IBM's stock now.

Buffett says he thinks IBM will fare well in cloud computing and corporate services because of the level of security it offers with its products.

Buffett appeared on CNBC Monday morning after Berkshire Hathaway's annual meeting.

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McDonald's mapping out turnaround plan

McDonald's wants to simplify, simplify, simplify — but also add a bunch of choices for customers to avoid growing stale.

CEO Steve Easterbrook said Monday that he will strip away the bureaucracy at McDonald's so the company can move more nimbly to keep up with changing tastes.

The overhaul comes after McDonald's saw its profit drop 15 per cent last year.

To help make the right chan-

ges more quickly, McDonald's said it's restructuring its business into four units.

McDonald's also said Monday that 90 per cent of its more than 36,200 restaurants around the world will be franchised over the next four years. That's up from 81 per cent, and will mean the company will rely more heavily on franchising fees and move away from the daily work of running restaurants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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the big question

How old is old enough for kids to go out on their own?

Whether it's playing at the park or spending money at the Lego store, a bit of independence is good for the mental and physical health of kids age 9 to 11, said Ryerson University professor Raktim Mitra. He studied 1,000 Grade 5 and 6 students wearing exercise monitors for a week in the Toronto area. Kids allowed to explore on their own were 14 to 19 per cent more active than those constantly supervised. Most provinces don't have a specific law, so it's up to parents to decide when a child is mature enough for solo adventures.

Everyone should be able to access the polls

YOUR RIDE

Jay Smith



This election has said a lot about mobility and democratic participation.

From sending some Edmonton-Strathcona voters far afield to vote, to Stephen Mandel's "oopsie" to inform a lot of seniors in Edmonton-Whitemud that their polling was actually somewhere where their polling station was not, to the de facto disenfranchisement of homeless voters by taking away their polling station at the Boyle Street Community Centre, this election has made a lot of judgments about who can and should vote.

And the decision has been

based on mobility.

Good citizens, the ones who 'should' be voting, the underlying message is, are the ones who own or have access to motor vehicles. And don't even begin to think that democracy wants you if you don't have a fixed address.

Take when Drew Westwater from Elections Alberta claimed that sending some Edmonton-Strathcona voters several kilometres out of their riding to vote would not deter any voters. He hit upon a worrisome attitude towards democratic participation in our province.

"Nobody walks to polls anymore," he said. "Instead of driving a couple blocks they will drive a few more blocks. I don't see how that would impact voter turnout to be honest."

But many, many people walk to their polling stations. I have voted in every election that I have been eligible to vote in, and I have either walked or cycled to vote each time. Today, I will walk to cast my ballot at a polling station across the street from my house.

Don't even begin to think democracy wants you if you don't have a fixed address.

And then consider that Edmonton-Strathcona is land of carless students, seniors and assisted living facilities for the disabled. It's a particular act of cruelty to ask these voters to go out of their ridings to vote, particularly to

a location with poor access to public transit. I imagine all those seniors trudging en masse with their walkers and wheelchairs on the endless crescents of Riverbend, it really had me wondering.

Anyway, if you are worried about how you're going to get to your polling station — know that you can call up any of the candidates in your riding for a free lift. Pick your favourite candidate if you're feeling heroic, the one you dislike the most if you're feeling sneaky. Particularly considering this election's rhetoric about non-drivers, don't feel shame. Just get out and vote.

Jay Smith is a writer who has cycled, walked and run on Edmonton's streets and pathways her entire life.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Why would anyone go to a play about residential schools?

You might think you know about residential schools.

You've seen them in headlines since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission began unwrapping the individual horrors of the government's attempts to destroy indigenous culture. You know about the abuses, the tearing apart of families, the ripple effects of alcoholism, the violence and the poverty.

You know who was the victim and who was to blame. So you'd know what to expect if you went to see a play about it. And then, if that play is God and the Indian, you'd be disappointed.

In the play, now running in Toronto and headed to Vancouver later in the month, Johnny Indian confronts the priest she believed raped her as a child. And he denies it.

The priest, George King, and Johnny each battle to prove the other wrong. The audience acts like a jury, but if pressed we would declare ourselves hung. No one leaves the theatre innocent.

"Very few characters in history who are evil think they're evil," playwright Drew Hayden Taylor told me over the phone.

He was busy preparing a dinner of stuffed peppers, "a traditional Ojibwe dish."

Yes, that's a joke. Taylor is a funny man, often writing plays and satires that capture what he calls indigenous "survival humour." As an elder

once told him, "Humour is the WD-40 of healing for native people."

It is also present in Johnny. "I guess it helps when you are the same race as God," she quips in the play. Another time she mentions getting pregnant with a man named Dick: "That's what happens with Dicks," she says.

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Taylor's comedic plays are subversive, he argues, because "the vast majority of my native characters aren't dysfunctional enough for mainstream audiences."

Even Johnny — homeless, mentally ill and physically unwell — is far more than a victim. But God and the Indian is subversive, too, in all the questions that it does not answer.

The trick of this play isn't what it tells you about residential schools — it's what it doesn't say about who is to blame. There is no justice. Despite her pleas, Johnny doesn't get a confession. Despite his denial, we don't know if the priest is innocent.

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It's time to stream the Muppets as they appear in skits with YouTube stars

Follow the Gold Record Road

Blues. Jazz. Country. Rock 'n' roll. Gospel. Southern Gospel. Cajunzydeco. Soul/R&B. Bluegrass. Nine of America's most well-known music genres now have their own road map. Led by Nashville preservationist Aubrey Preston, a group of historians and music lovers came up with the Americana Music Triangle The Associated Press

Stretching from Nashville to Memphis to New Orleans — and encompassing points in between — the Americana Music Triangle includes locations in the Deep South that helped birth of the musical genres, from Clarksdale, Miss., the home of blues masters Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker, to Muscle Shoals, Ala., site of the famed music studio where Aretha Franklin, the Rolling Stones and many others recorded songs.

Philanthropist Aubrey Preston hopes the triangle gives travelling music lovers, both foreign and domestic, a multi-state, Internet-based, interactive guide of the cradle of America's music, while also spurring enough interest for community leaders to preserve these spots for future educational and tourism op-



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portunities. State and local tourism officials hope much-needed dollars flow into their towns from travellers with cash to spend on restaurants, music shows, shops, and even gas stations and car washes.

"We're giving an anchor, a cloud of information ... that's easily accessible and connects places, stories, people and music to information that people can get from any place in the world," said Preston, whose last-minute purchase of Nashville's legendary RCA Studio A in October 2014 saved it from being torn down.



People do seem to want to touch something that's real. They love this music throughout the world, and it is like a universal currency

Historian Colin Escott

'n' roll and soul studios of Memphis, the cotton plantations of the Mississippi Delta. "People do seem to want to touch something that's real," said Escott, co-writer of the book and musical Million Dollar Quartet and contributor to the triangle project.

"They love this music throughout the world, and it is like a universal currency."

A city of about 17,200 about one-and-a-half hours' drive south of Memphis, Clarksdale has seen its share of population loss, poverty, troubled schools and blight, like other small towns in the triangle.

But, in recent years, the city has tried to boost its agricul-

ture-driven economy with tourist spending and the sales taxes it generates. Downtown has seen an increase in restaurants and accommodations like loft apartments, and population appears to be growing. Tourists from overseas are making more frequent treks to Clarksdale, according to Mayor Bill Luckett and co-owner of Ground Zero Blues Club.

"Pulling this project off will be a tremendous help to this whole region," Luckett said. "It puts money in this economy that wasn't here before."

Luckett says promoting tourism does not exploit the city's more disadvantaged residents, some of whom may resent that so much attention is being paid to tourists while they struggle.

"There are some people who are going to express some resentment. I read it, I hear it,"

Tourism and civic leaders in each location are encouraged to direct tourists to other spots on the trail, even if they are in another state. This sets the project apart from government-run initiatives that won't promote tourism experiences outside their purview.

The project's supporters hope that, as more people are drawn to these locations, governments, philanthropists and non-profits will move to preserve the sites and increase opportunities for musicians.

"If you have more regular (visitor) traffic, then you can start to have more music," said Roger Stolle, owner of the Cat Head Delta Blues & Folk Art store in Clarksdale. "It not only means that venue is going to be there for a long time, but it gives a reason for musicians to be there."



Omar Gordon, 24, plays the guitar outside the Cat Head Delta Blues & Folk Art store in Clarksdale, Miss., the home of Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker. ADRIAN SAINZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Princess' life won't be fairy tale

ROYAL BIRTH

Despite progress, Charlotte will still face sexism

William and **Kate's** new daughter is the first British princess who won't face royal discrimination because she's a girl, but her life won't be without challenges.

Thanks to a change in the centuries-old rules of royal succession, if **Princess Charlotte** has a younger brother, he won't overtake her in line to the throne.

But in a world where girls are encouraged to embrace pretty-in-pink princess imagery from birth, the royal daughter born Saturday is bound to face a level of scrutiny her elder sibling Prince George won't have to worry about.

Claudia Joseph, author of William and Kate's Britain, said that as a future king, third-in-line-to-the-throne George can expect a life of "duty and responsibility."

His sister "will have a more carefree life, but on the other hand, we live in a world obsessed with looks. Nearly every woman nowadays is constantly under scrutiny."

The experience of Kate — and, even more, of the baby's late grandmother, **Princess Diana** — suggests the level of interest the princess can expect.

Are we really still in the 1950s with gender norms?

Student Laura Sheldon, in response to the Tower Bridge being lit up pink.

Royal historian Robert Lacey said princesses face a different burden than princes. "There's so much enduring sexist comment," he said. "It remains legitimate for the media — and social media even more — to comment on women's dress and appearance."

"And the coverage veers so precipitously from adulation to scorn. **Beatrice and Eugenie** are examples of that."

Prince Andrew's daughters became media figures of fun for wearing elaborate fascinators to Kate and William's wedding in 2011.

Even her name, announced Monday by her parents, was the subject of much speculation.

The royal birth was greeted with an explosion of pink, as Tower Bridge and other London landmarks were bathed in ma-

genta light.

Not everyone was delighted. "Are we really still in the 1950s with gender norms?" tweeted Laura Sheldon, 16.

Still, society has changed enormously in the past few decades — and so has the royal family.

For centuries, the law gave preference to male heirs, so a first-born princess would be leapfrogged in the succession by a younger brother. As a result, there have been some 35 kings of England since the Norman Conquest in 1066, but only seven queens.

In 2011, the leaders of Britain and the 15 former colonies that have the Queen as their head of state agreed to establish new rules giving female children equal status with males in the order of succession.

It took several years to amend the statutes, some of them centuries old. The Succession to the Crown Act came into effect in March, just in time for the new princess.

She becomes fourth in line to the throne, pushing Prince Harry down to fifth. The change means she'll keep her position even if she has a younger brother, though if George has children one day, they'll move ahead of her. It's a small step, perhaps, but it symbolizes a more modern, equal-opportunity monarchy.

While royal duty, celebrity, and questions of security will affect the princess' career choices, there's nothing to stop her from joining the military, as her father and uncle did, or becoming a search-and-rescue helicopter pilot like her dad. "I think the royal family has changed a lot over the last few decades, and William and Kate are very 21st century," Joseph said. William is a more engaged, hands-on parent than his father, Prince Charles, or ancestors.

Queen Elizabeth II and her sister Princess Margaret were educated at home, but the baby princess can expect to mingle with non-royals at an ordinary — though expensive — school, attend university and have a career.

"I'm sure (the princess) will inherit Kate's evident love of photography and art. And she has an older brother — I'm sure she's going to love 'boys' toys,' too." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROYAL FEMALES



Kate Middleton



Princess Charlotte



Princess Diana



Beatrice and Eugenie



Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Margaret



If a one-night stand has brunch with you the next day, does this mean it's true love? ISTOCK

The agony of eggs-tacy

DATING

Reader tries to decipher the meaning of brunch post one-night stand

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone

Dear Ellen
A year after a breakup with my common-law partner, I finally made the decision to start dating. I met this nice guy and we had a good time. Maybe I was a bit too eager, you know, after not dating for a year, but I ended up "sleeping over."

The next morning we went for brunch together. Having been out of the dating scene for a few years, I wasn't sure about the etiquette.

Who should pay in a situa-

tion like this? Do you go Dutch or does it mean something else if one of you picks up the bill? Also, is brunch just a way he was able to get me out of his apartment (maybe this was a one-night stand), or was it a signal that he's interested and wanted to spend some more time getting to know me more?

Just trying to understand the nuances of modern dating.
— Christopher, Toronto

Dear Christopher,
Let's address the easy part first: Who pays? Answer: You should offer to pay if you did the inviting; offer to go Dutch if he did.

As for everything else (i.e., "is it brunch or true love?"), many advice-givers will tell you: "Don't over-analyze" or "Take it slow and see what happens" or "Careful not to set yourself up for massive disappointment" — but rest assured, I am not one of them.

I like to give advice a person can actually follow, like:
"Spend every waking minute obsessing about how the date

went," and "Check your phone repeatedly for any sign of communication," and "Pour your heart into an excruciatingly detailed romantic fantasy about the two of you."

The thing is, Christopher, if you like this guy, you're going to do all this crazy stuff, anyway, so why waste time pretending you're not? See? My brilliant advice has just saved you hours of pointless self-chastisement, which you can now spend in a dreamy delusional haze that hurts no one except, well ...

OK, yes, you probably are setting yourself up for massive disappointment. But suffering is a part of life! And this kind of luxurious emotional agony is a privilege at any age.

The only real downside is that it may temporarily skew your musical tastes (Someone Like You on endless loop, anyone?).

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Golden State point guard Stephen Curry was named NBA MVP

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IN BRIEF

Oiler pair helps Canada to win over Czech Republic

Edmonton Oilers Jordan Eberle and Taylor Hall each had a goal and an assist Monday as Canada downed the Czech Republic 6-3 to stay perfect at the world hockey championship in Prague.

Sean Couturier, Tyler Seguin and Sidney Crosby also scored for Canada (3-0), which got 22 saves from Mike Smith and sits atop Group A with nine points. Tyler Toffoli added a goal into an empty net to go along with an assist.

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Rose puts in vintage performance in Cleveland

Derrick Rose scored 25 points and Pau Gasol added 21, leading the Chicago Bulls to a 99-92 victory over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semi-finals on Monday night.

Looking like the MVP he was before being slowed by knee injuries, Rose helped the Bulls swipe home-court advantage from the Cavs, who were missing starters Kevin Love and J.R. Smith.

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Dickey's knuckleball mind tricks work on Yankees

There was no try for R.A. Dickey on Monday night. There was only do. The veteran knuckleballer — and Star Wars fan — pitched eight innings to earn the win as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the New York Yankees 3-1.

May 4 is known as Star Wars Day.

"It's hard for me to think about losing a game on May the Fourth, y'know? Because I'm such a Star Wars rat," said Dickey (1-3).

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The Capitals' Marcus Johansson hits Rangers defenceman Marc Staal into his bench during Game 3 of their Eastern Conference playoffs series in Washington on Monday night. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Holtby, Caps spell shutout with an exclamation point

NHL PLAYOFFS

Washington takes 2-1 series lead over New York Rangers

Braden Holtby made 30 saves Monday night for his second career playoff shutout and Jay Beagle scored his first goal of this post-season, giving the Wash-

ton Capitals a 1-0 victory over the New York Rangers.

Washington has a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semi-finals.

Alex Ovechkin was held without a goal for the first time in the series. It was one of the Capitals' less-heralded players, Beagle, who put the puck past Henrik Lundqvist on a second-effort, deflected shot 7-1/2 minutes into the second period.

Holtby was at his glove-catch-

GAME 3 In Washington



ing best, including stopping Martin St. Louis on a 1-on-1 six minutes after Beagle scored, and the crowd chanted the goalie's last name at the final buzzer.

Game 4 of the best-of-seven

series is at Washington on Wednesday night.

This was the type of nail-biter the Rangers play: they have participated in 10 consecutive playoff games decided by one goal, an NHL record.

And in seven of its eight games in this year's playoffs, New York has allowed two goals or fewer.

But under first-year coach Barry Trotz, and with Holtby matching Lundqvist save for save, the Capitals are proving just as

adept at this sort of tight, low-scoring hockey.

Despite getting outshot 30-22, the Capitals did manage stretches of sustained pressure in the Rangers' zone, including leading up to the only goal. And the score

came from a surprising source: the line of Beagle, Troy Brouwer and Andre Burakovsky. They had zero goals through Washington's first nine games of this post-season.

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- 1 tsp honey
- ½ tsp minced ginger
- ½ tsp minced garlic
- ½ tsp hot sauce
- 1½ lb salmon or tilapia
- 1/3 cup panko bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp chopped or sliced almonds
- 1 tsp sesame seeds
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- Salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil.
2. In a small bowl, combine almond butter, soy sauce, mirin, honey, ginger, garlic and hot sauce until smooth. Place fish on baking sheets and spread sauce over top.
3. In a small bowl, combine panko, almonds, sesame seeds, oil and salt. Sprinkle over fish and bake for 12 minutes or just until cooked.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 4)

- Calories 288
- Protein 30.5 g
- Carbohydrates 10.5 g
- Fat 12.9 g

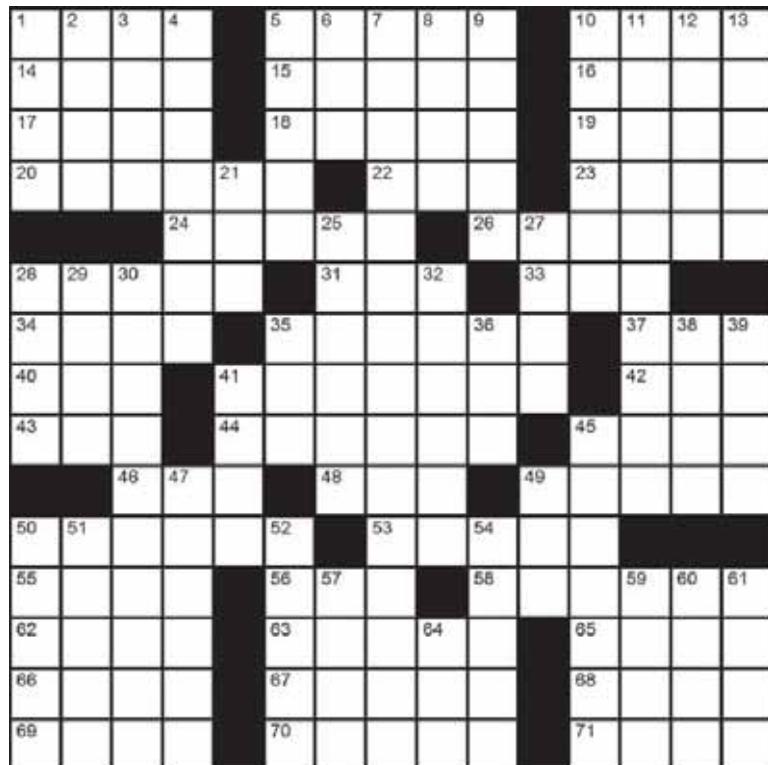
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Cinco de __ (Annual commemoration celebrating Mexico's 1862 victory over France in the Battle of Puebla)
5. Canadian superhero team from Marvel Comics, __ Flight
10. Medieval chest
14. Cain's sibling
15. Wilt
16. Not nice
17. Ruben's "American Idol" runner-up
18. Face value, as per stocks: 2 wds.
19. Sound of disgust, comics-style
20. Writer Mr. Melville
22. 'Press' suffix
23. Web addresses, commonly
24. Move as a hungry lion
26. " __, how are you and stuff?"
28. Nonsense
31. Use up
33. Maiden name indicator
34. Pub orders
35. Sarah's "Sex and the City" role
37. Sound setting [abbr.]
40. "Everything __" by Bush
41. Canadian actress Amanda known as the 'Grand Empress of Sci-Fi' to her fans
42. Time
43. Forever, practically
44. Windbreaker
45. Movie's work force
46. Listener
48. Festive drink
49. Stone worker
50. Weekend trip bag
53. Commerce
55. Creatures of folklore
56. Caesar's 2050
58. Radiated
62. Relax
63. Brasserie beverage
65. Postal __
66. Use adhesive
67. "St. Fire" (1985)
68. __ socks
69. Caesar's 2050
70. Caesar's 2050
71. Caesar's 2050



69. Liturgical vestments
70. Ms. O'Donnell
71. Mail

DOWN

1. Speed of sound, __, 1
2. Adept
3. Birthdate info
4. __: The Greco-Roman Collections of Berlin (Current exhibition at the Winnipeg Art Gallery)
5. A Bell for __ (John Hersey novel)
6. Edmonton transport service [acronym]

7. Leonard Cohen's current Juno-winning album: 2 wds.
8. Rime
9. After: French
10. Hospital vial [var. sp.]
11. Labrador dogs
12. Shower sealant
13. Fennel-like flavour
21. Branch
25. Sword or missile
27. Blood type, __
28. Smog
29. Margarine
30. CKC = Canadian __
32. Battlefield medic's prioritizing
35. Fire
36. Pen's content
38. Nabisco cookie
39. Yard's spread of grass
41. Does some road work
45. Cute-style Canadians
47. Grocery store lanes
49. Stir
50. Russian river
51. On __ (Is winning)
52. Fireplace smoulderer
54. V-formation fliers of Canada
57. Venus de __ (Ancient statue)
59. Finished
60. Utopia
61. Home title proof
64. French queen's mate

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20 You may be able to do anything but that does not mean you have to do everything. Decide what it is you are really good at and commit yourself to it 100 per cent.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Some people think you are lazy but that's far from the truth. It's just that you see no point exerting yourself for things that are of no importance. It's better to be ambitious about one thing than lukewarm about many things.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Under no circumstances agree to do someone else's work for them today. Yes, of course, you would most likely make a better job of it but that's not the point.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 You know what you want and you know where to get it, so why do you hesitate? Maybe it's because you fear you don't have the right to just take it. You know what they say: possession is nine-tenths of the law.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 With Jupiter in your sign you feel you can do as you please, and to an extent you are right, but there may still be long-term consequences.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Don't overdo it physically today. It may be true that no effort is too much for you while the Sun moves through your fellow Earth sign of Taurus, but you have limits like everyone else and if you go too far you could regret it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 Friends will make all sorts of promises over the next 24 hours but if you expect them to deliver you may be disappointed.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 If something no longer works for you the way it once did, then get rid of it. That may sound ruthless but this is no time for sentiment, still less for taking risks with your long-term security. Don't cling to the past.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Don't tie yourself down to set aims and objectives over the next 24 hours because it is highly likely that things will change fast and you will have no choice but to change with them.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Are you feeling lucky? Hopefully you are because your state of mind will very much dictate what you gain, or lose, today. If you believe that you deserve the best then you will get it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 You will clash with someone today who is as different to you as it is possible to get. Don't waste time trying to find some common ground between you – it does not exist.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20 Your mind may be full of big ideas right now but you must keep your feet on the ground. Don't commit yourself to new projects unless you know you will have the time to do them justice.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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